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To whom it may concern,

As a professional engineer that conducts business around the world I can attest to the usefulness of the Microsoft family of products and the increase in productivity these standard products have allowed. Our business helps bring foreign revenue to the US. Our ability to communicate with foreign companies is dependent on using the same software.

While you may consider some of the previous tactics that Microsoft has allegedly used anti-competitive, the net result has been establishing a standard with which the world of business can communicate. For those of us that remember computers of the 80's and early 90's when there were few standards. At that time I spent most of the time just getting various software packages to run consistently on the computer. This resulted in a substantial amount of wasted time. Today's programs enable us to conduct business without being computer wizards.

I personally feel that the government has pushed this case well beyond its merits and strongly urge the DOJ to settle this matter as proposed and let us business people get on with life and let Microsoft continue to bring us new and useful products. Let the free market decide the future of Microsoft.

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